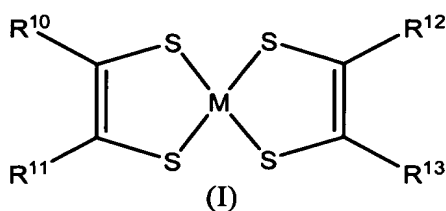


## Abstract

The present invention provides an IR-absorbing dye suitable for formulating a water-based inkjet ink, said dye being of formula (I):



wherein:

M is selected from Ni, Pd or Pt;

10  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are independently selected from  $C_{1-30}$  hydrocarbyl, or  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  together are joined to form a  $C_{2-30}$  hydrocarbylene group;

$R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  are independently selected from  $C_{1-30}$  hydrocarbyl, or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  together are joined to form a  $C_{2-30}$  hydrocarbylene group;

wherein at least one of  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$  or  $R^{13}$  comprises a hydrophilic group.

15 Dyes of this type are especially suitable for use in netpage and Hyperlabel systems.